



## Reception

### St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School Mathematical Development

Well the start of our second half term is here, where do the weeks go?

This half term our topic is 'Time to Celebrate' and we will be looking at the way different cultures celebrate. We will also focus on safety in the dark. Here are some of the things that we will be learning.

#### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Look at how we can keep safe when it is dark. Begin to learn about light, darkness and the changing seasons.

Learn about shadows and make a shadow puppet.

Learn about toys in the past and in the present.

#### Creative Development

Make a picture of light and dark.

Make a collage of the seasons.

Experiment mixing colours.

Make a salt dough Christmas decoration.

Make our Christmas cards

Draw holly and winter scenes.

Role—Play in the Post Office any contributions would be appreciated. (envelopes, stamps, stampers, till, boxes, paper)

#### Communication, Language and Literacy

Continue to develop communication skills, speaking with the microphone.

Concentrate on letter and sound recognition and writing 3 letter words.

Develop correct pencil grip and formation of letters.

Continue with guided reading.

To develop speaking and listening skills.

We will be learning about the numbers to 20 through a range of practical activities.

We will be introducing and developing knowledge of addition, subtraction and 3d shapes.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Looking at fairness and choices

Developing social skills, sharing and working as part of group.

**R.E.** Our R.E. topics this term are:

Welcome/ Baptism- We are hoping to organise a Christening in class on Wednesday 21st November. Details to follow.

Birthday/Jesus' birthday at Christmas.

**Physical** – We try to have PE outside as much as possible if you could provide your child with a fleece/jumper and warm jogging bottoms.

Why exercise is important.

#### I.C.T

Locate keys for their name on the keyboard.

Paint a dark picture using the paint program.

Continue to develop mouse control.

#### News

This term we are going to introduce a class mascot. It will go home with a child each night. The mascot will have its own diary and we would like you to support your child in writing about its visit with you or drawing a picture. This will be shared with the class. The children really enjoy this activity. Please ensure you label any new items of clothing and footwear. Also if you have any pictures or memorabilia from your child's Baptism we would love to share them.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas production - more details soon.

11<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm (Arrive at 6.00pm)

12<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

Thank you so much for the weekly £1.00 resource contribution we have been able to buy lots of items, here are some of them.

Plastic baskets, crisps for tasting, books, paper cup cases, silicone cup cases, wooden pegs, cotton buds, washing up liquid and toothbrushes.

Thank you Mrs Holden and Mrs Brennan